'Like Tower of Babel' When Hollanders Meet

"Here it's just like the Tower of Babel," smiled Mrs. Daniel Horn.

It was confusing, all right, in the Horns' spacious living room at 523 Harbinger, but only two languages were being spoken, English and a little bit of Dutch.

The confusing part was the number of children coming and going: six Horn boys and five DeGroot girls, the DeGroot girls newly arrived from the Netherlands with their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. DeGroot.

And at that, three DeGroot boys were missing, out having their first lunch in Canada, in a restaurant, with a new friend.

The Horns arrived seven years ago from Baarn, Netherlands, with their boys. Their old friends, the DeGroots, followed them, and came for the same reason, Mr. DeGroot said: they wanted space for the big family.

Mr. and Mrs. DeGroot visited Victoria last September to make their plans, and as a result, have a home waiting for them in Metchosin, especially selected to be large enough for an energetic family of 10.

The DeGroot children don't speak English yet, but they are beginning to understand it, their father said, "and it won't take long."

"Children pick up English quite easily," Mr. DeGroot said. "The Horns' experience was that they took about three months."

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CCFer Says $1,500,000 Too Much

Government House Too Expensive?

The provincial government has spent too much money building a new Government House, Cedric Cox (CCF, Burnaby) complained in the legislature yesterday.

"It is not necessary," he said. "The lieutenant-governor is doing a very good job running the province from his hotel suite. The money could have been better spent on building homes for the aged."

New Government House will cost more than $1,500,000.

Public Works Minister Chant yesterday told the legislature the new Government House will not be completed by the end of this month as planned because of construction difficulties.

He described it as "a fine structure . . . a credit to British Columbia and Canada."

He said if each person in British Columbia bought only two or three packets of cigarets it would amount to enough money to pay for Government House.

Pegasus Brings New Blood to Island

Two-year-old Shetland stallion, Pegasus, is part of breed improvement program of newly-formed Vancouver Island Pony Breeders' Association. Dappled pony, held by Sara Mattick, 13, Cordova Bay, daughter of the owner, is by U.S. grand champion sire, Sir Lancelot.—(Colonist photo)

Yates to Become 'Great White Way'

The 700 block of Yates will be a "great white way" for Friday evening shopping this week.

Arrangements were completed yesterday between an electrical manufacturing company and the city for a demonstration of a new type of street light designed especially for shopping districts.

Third Reading

Bill 43 Sparks Early-Morning Heated Debate

A heated debate raged in the legislature into the early hours of this morning as the government gave third reading to the controversial Bill 43, the new Trade Unions Act.

Oposition members heatedly criticized the government for opposing an amendment proposed by George Gregory (Lib, Victoria) which would have allowed trade unions to post "unfair to patronize" lists in their own union offices. But government members easily defeated the amendment.

SPEECH CURTAILED?

"You are going out of your way to curtail freedom of speech," Gordon Dowding (CCF, Burnaby) charged.

Arthur Turner (CCF, Vancouver-East) said the act might even be interpreted as making it illegal for the press to say there is a strike going on in a plant.

"If you try to suppress the press, and by that I include union circulars, you are violating basic right of free speech," he said.

CCF members opposed every section of the bill in a last-ditch try to have it thrown out.

Tony Gargrave (CCF, Mackenzie) described it as fish-net legislation.

And Opposition Leader Robert Strachan called the definition of trade union contained in the act as "one of the sloppiest and most archaic definitions of trade unions I have seen in a long time."

He complained that employer unions, "fink unions," were heaped in with other trade unions.

"You don't want to encourage trade unions. You want to discourage them," Mr. Dowding charged.

Galleries last night were not filled, but among spectators were many union officials, chamber of commerce representatives and officials of big companies.

Secretive, Says Dowding

Chant Attitude 'Like C. D. Howe'

Attitude of Public Works Minister W. N. Chant was likened in the legislature yesterday to that of former federal trade minister C. D. Howe in the House of Commons.

"His attitude is that 'we will not give information to this House,'" Gordon Dowding (CCF, Burnaby) said during a debate in which opposition members endeavored unsuccessfully to get a commitment from Mr. Chant on Victoria's new courthouse, which the Throne Speech promised would be started this year.

"I can't find in the estimates where the funds are coming from," said George Gregory (Lib., Victoria).

"The funds will come from the usual sources. Progress of the courthouse is coming along very well indeed," Mr. Chant smiled.

"At what stage are the plans?" asked Mr. Gregory.

"I have told the member what we are going to do," Mr. Chant replied.

"This is the year a promise has been made. Where do you get the money if nothing is appropriated?" Mr. Gregory persisted.

"You don't need to worry," Mr. Chant replied.

"This is the worst. You would think the minister was running a little private business. He has no right to withhold information from the general public," John Squire (CCF, Alberni) complained.

"His refusal to give honest information is disgraceful. We are getting tired and worried about this kind of situation," he charged.

"I have answered," Mr. Chant maintained.

"This is not good. The minister saying things are in hand on something brought up in the Throne Speech is not good enough. There must be something definite," said Leo Nimsick (CCF, Cranbrook).

"We are proceeding with plans," Mr. Chant replied.

"I don't think it fair," Mr. Nimsick replied.

"You can't always give definite plans. The plans are well in hand . . . the plans are proceeding . . . the courthouse will start this year," Mr. Chant replied.

Mr. Gregory tried another tack to get information.

"When does the attorney-general plan to move the RCMP from the site of the new courthouse," Mr. Gregory asked Attorney-General Bonner.

"Oh . . . in due course," Mr. Bonner smiled.

Opposition Leader Robert Strachan entered the battle for information.

"Are the preliminary plans for the courthouse completed?" he asked.

"I gave the answer," Mr. Chant smiled.

"Are they completed?" Mr. Strachan asked.

"They are in preparation," Mr. Chant replied.

"You have a long way to go if you are to start this year . . . you are going to have a job to spend any money this year," Mr. Strachan said.

Donald Smith (SC, Victoria) jumped to the aid of Mr. Chant.

"It seems to me the opposition members are trying to pick a fight rather than get information," he said. "They have been told it would be started, now they want to know where the money is coming from."

He suggested the money would come from the $25,000,000 the government says it will save in debt servicing charges when the net debt is paid off this year.

"We will build lots of buildings then," he said.

The Daily Colonist has said on several occasions that the courthouse is expected to be started about next October and will be treated as a winter work project.

ADAM GLOVER

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Seen In Passing

Adam Glover playing the piano. (He is president of Langford 50-Up Club. He and his wife **Gladys** have a grown family consisting of three daughters and a son, and 28 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Adam is a retired railroad man who has also spent some years mining. His hobbies are carpentry and helping his wife in the garden) . . . **Percy Rament** having a hard time staying awake . . . **Ron Coulter** learning the tricks of photography . . . **George Main** preparing for a move . . . **Astrid Strandlie** planning a wedding . . . **Win Elford** talking about gas, oil, grease, tires and sweepstake tickets . . . **Ab Wells** carefully folding an unused blanket.

More Nitro Taken By Experts

Members of the demolition squad at HMCS Naden had another delicate job yesterday—disposition of the second lot of dangerous nitroglycerine found in this area in a week.

Yesterday afternoon, Dave Kibsgaard, 706 Blanshard, came to city police headquarters to report a parcel he had found "in the harbor district." He had taken his find home, then decided to turn it over to police.

His discovery proved to be a small screw-cap jar of nitroglycerine, electric percussion caps with wire attached, and an eye dropper.

The entire parcel was taken over by detectives, and held until picked up for disposal by the navy's demolition experts.

Last Thursday, a larger quantity of explosives, including nitroglycerine, was found in the woodshed of an Esquimalt home and disposed of by police and navy explosives experts.

Pretty Girls Hard to Find

Here's a tip for all pretty Victoria girls between the ages of 18 and 26:

If a strange man accosts you on the street between now and April 1, don't call a policeman.

In fact, lend him your pretty ear, because he'll probably be a Jaycee with an honorable proposition.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce needs more entrants for its queen contest and has been forced to look everywhere because of the apathy of 200 various organizations, not one of whom answered a Jaycee letter requesting candidates.

So last night, Jaycees were urged to accost every pretty girl they saw and try to sign them up for the contest. To date, seven girls have entered the contest and eight more said they might.

$9,113 of Needed $123,000

Jaycee Ice-Rink Drive Far Short of Goal

Proceeds from the recent Ice-Arama and Junior Chamber of Commerce area canvass are only a little more than half of early estimates, it was learned last night.

Total from the two efforts is $9,113, a Jaycee meeting was told last night—$5,613 from the canvass, $2,000 from the ice show and $1,500 in pledges.

Money is intended for a $148,000 ice-skating surface. Jaycees have donated $25,000 and the drive target is $123,000.

Deadline for the fund drive is April 1.

Appeal Out To Churches For Slayer

An appeal has gone out to all Greater Victoria churches to help save 19-year-old Robert Chapman from the gallows.

Chapman was sentenced to hang next month for the shotgun slaying of his brother John, 23, on the family farm at Rosedale on Oct. 16.

Some 200 signatures have already been obtained here to petitions asking Justice Minister Davie Fulton to commute his sentence.

The appeal is being organized locally by the condemned man's elder brother, Pte. Leslie Chapman, 29, of 2674 Millstream Road.

Altogether, in B.C. some 30,000 signatures are expected within the next week.

Rocky Point Mishap

Powerful Shock Jolts Workman

A 58-year-old HMCS Dockyard laborer working at Rocky Point armament depot narrowly missed death yesterday when a cable he was holding hit a high voltage power line.

In Royal Jubilee Hospital suffering from shock is Walter Green, 2731 Winster, Langford, a former machine shop fitters' helper who was transferred to the depot three months ago.

"We would both be dead now if it had really hit," said Floyd Adams, 35, of 2809 Adelaide, a crane operator working with Mr. Green.

"The line whipped over and snapped against the line," he said.

Mr. Adams said they were clearing rocks from a road between the married quarters and the arsenal.

"I lifted the crane's boom and Mr. Green was pulling out slack to wind it around a rock, when it hit the rock," he explained.

The boom was above the 35-foot pole, with the line dangling from it to Mr. Green.

"The cable hit the line and threw him 15 feet or more, but he only suffered shock," Mr. Adams said.

They were with a signal man and truck driver at the time.

Gregory 'All Wrong'

Claim of George Gregory, Victoria MLA, that a civil defence warning couldn't be given outside of office hours is a "complete and utter misstatement of facts," the Greater Victoria target area's civil defence director said yesterday.

Director V. S. Godfrey said a warning system was ready "night and day" and that in event of emergency, every centre in Canada would receive warning right away.

Mr. Gregory made the claim in the legislature Tuesday night.

Woman 'Scared' to Tell Names of Cat Torturers

Investigations into the "cruel and savage" mutilations of Greater Victoria cats have been thwarted because a possible informant is "scared to come forward," the SPCA said last night.

"We received information of a cat being dragged to death by the person refused to leave a name, so it couldn't be checked," said Leonard Page, Victoria SPCA secretary-manager.

He said the informant reported by phone seeing two young men kill a cat and then bury it in a sand pit near Victoria High School.

Rewards totalling $225 have been offered for information leading to the arrest and successful prosecution of the maimer, Mr. Page said.

If the latest report is true, it is the seventh cat killed by sadists in less than two months.

"We were promised the names of the cat killers, but didn't get them," Mr. Page said. "I think the woman was scared to help us."

Auditorium Site? —City or Saanich

Whether Victoria's civic auditorium should be in Victoria or in Saanich became an issue on the floor of the legislature yesterday.

John Tisdalle (SC, Saanich) said it should be in Saanich because that is becoming the centre of population and there is more space for parking.

J. Donald Smith (SC, Victoria) argued that the municipality which puts up the most money should have the auditorium.

The discussion came up during consideration of estimates of the public works department.

Earlier in the session Premier Bennett pledged to pay one-third the cost of a civic auditorium if the federal government and the city of Victoria each paid one-third of the cost.

Park Daffs Near Peak

Daffodils along Dallas in Beacon Hill Park are almost at their peak and will continue to make a fine display through the Easter weekend, parks administrator W. H. Warren said yesterday.

But he told city council parks committee that "we are getting more than our normal share of thoughtless action, kids, I suppose, knocking the tops off the flowers and picking them off short and throwing them away."